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October 17, 2022

Mr. Ronald A. Klain
Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Klain:

We are investigating the Biden Administration's misuse of federal criminal and counterterrorism resources to target concerned parents at school board meetings. We know from publicly available information that employees of the Executive Office of the President were involved in discussions surrounding the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) September 29, 2021, letter to President Biden and the letter's specific request that the Biden Administration use the Patriot Act to target parents. We also know that President Biden called the NSBA head to tell her he was "appreciative" of the letter and to invite her to the Oval Office. The American people, however, deserve much more accountability and transparency about the Biden Administration's anti-parent directives.

On June 14, 2022, Committee Republicans wrote to you requesting documents and information regarding the White House's collusion with the NSBA and its involvement in effectuating the misuse of federal criminal and counterterrorism resources against parents.¹ Now over four months later, you have failed to produce any of the requested documents or information. This is unacceptable.

Parents voicing their concerns at school board meetings are not domestic terrorists. Yet, the Attorney General's anti-parent directive of October 4, 2021, remains in effect, and as a result, the threat of federal law enforcement continues to chill the First Amendment rights of American parents. Committee Republicans intend to continue to pursue this serious misuse of federal law-enforcement resources, including if necessary into the 118th Congress. We reiterate our requests, which are itemized in the attached appendix and incorporated herein, and ask that you produce the entirety of the requested material as soon as possible but no later than October 31, 2022.

Furthermore, this letter serves as a formal request to preserve all existing and future records and materials in your possession relating to the topics addressed in this letter. You should construe this preservation notice as an instruction to take all reasonable steps to prevent the

¹ Letter from Rep. Jim Jordan et al., Ranking Member, H. Comm. on the Judiciary, to Mr. Ronald A. Klain, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, The White House (Jun. 14, 2022).


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destruction or alteration, whether intentionally or negligently, of all documents, communications, and other information, including electronic information and metadata, that are or may be responsive to this congressional inquiry. This instruction includes all electronic messages sent using your official and personal accounts or devices, including records created using text messages, phone-based message applications, or encryption software.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Jordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Jordan" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Jordan
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jerrold L. Nadler
Chairman

Enclosure

Appendix: Document Requests to the White House

June 14, 2022:

1. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President referring or relating to the NSBA;
2. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees or officials of the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Education, and any executive branch department or agency referring or relating to the NSBA or school board-related threats;
3. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees or officials of the Department of Justice referring or relating to the Attorney General's memorandum dated October 4, 2021; and
4. All documents and communications between or among employees or officials of the Executive Office of the President and employees of the NSBA referring or relating to the NSBA's September 29, 2021, letter to President Biden.